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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Light trading reported on packer label hens and toms for prompt shipments; also hens and toms traded at a firm price for September and October 70 cents for hens and 69 cents for toms. Demand light to moderate with most interest for frozen. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow. Demand limited.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 30, 2004**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	63.5-64	63.75	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	120	-	-	-	2200	APR-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-62	60.5-61	60.75	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	61	61.00	40	-	-	-	1880	APR-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	63-64	63	63.00	40	70.00	1560	SEP-OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-66	66	66.00	800	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-62	62	62.00	40	69.00	800	SEP-OCT	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	64	64.00	800	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 MARCH 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to instances firm. Demand slow to fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to mostly adequate, wing meat with skin light with the balance of white meat spotty. The market on tom full-cut wings was steady, balance of tom parts were steady to barely steady at best as some industry members continued to watch for export market developments. Some Avian Influenza tested tails traded at higher prices for export. The market on thigh meat was mostly steady with frozen pricing varying by export destination. Trading light on all items. Fresh breast trim traded at 116 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	91.83	240
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	87.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	48.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	81.00	20
NECKS, TOM	56.00		56.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00		173.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	188.53	227
THIGH MEAT		M	81.00	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00		92.00	48
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	105.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	100.00	5
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	170.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	188.63	78
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	100.75	53
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00		37.00	52
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	36.50	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40
TAILS	37.00		37.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	89.83	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	70-77

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

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The domestic market was showing some signs of slowness due in part to some processors running holiday schedules next week. Some export markets are also being affected by holidays next week resulting in less aggressive buyer interest. The white meat market was steady to fully steady for a light to fair demand. Offerings mixed. The institutional breast undertone was fully steady. The thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey undertone was mostly steady. Domestic demand slow to moderate. Export inquiry varied by destination with some having active buyer interest while others note only light to fair activity. Trading slow on all items.

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DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	37.00-39.00		38.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	46.00		46.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	81.00	20
NECKS, TOM	59.00		59.00	80
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00		173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	190.00-193.00		191.50	80
THIGH MEAT		M	81.00	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00		92.00	2
BREAST TRIM MEAT	103.00		103.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		M	100.00	5
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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/24/04

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2003-2004	21,075	210,534	210,534
2002-2003	-	-	-